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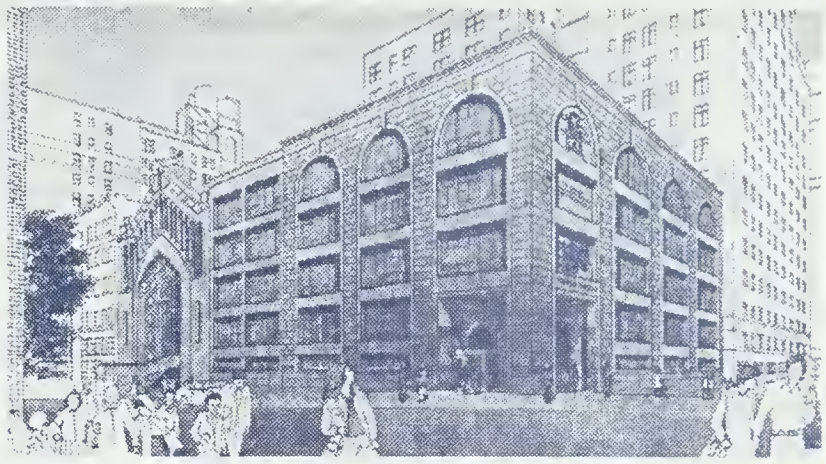
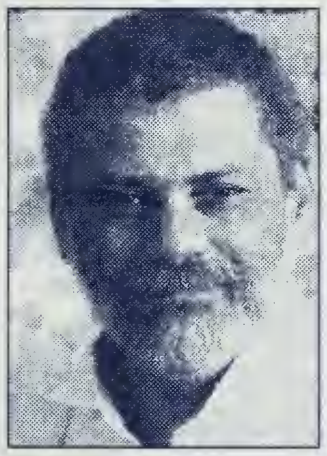


Edwin Black, Author of the Sensational Novel *Format C:*, Will Speak Tuesday, May 18

Investigative author Edwin Black will spark his next controversy in May with the publication of his first novel, *Format C:*, the first kabbalistic Y2K technothriller. Black will kick off his national book tour with a special presentation at the Park Avenue Synagogue at **7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 18**.

In the suspense-filled *Format C:*, the richest man on earth owns the biggest computer company in the world, based in Seattle. He controls all computers everywhere and uses the Y2K crisis to launch the ultimate domination of mankind resulting in the final battle between good and evil fought at Armageddon, at the actual site in Israel at midnight, December 31, 1999. The motto of the book is "Keep Telling Yourself It's Fiction."



The action begins in Chicago and Washington and then moves to Jerusalem, Qumran, Tsfat and finally Megiddo. Along the way, Black takes readers to the site of Biblical Hell outside the Old City, probes the mysterious Copper Scroll and explores mystic Tsfat. It all culminates at Kibbutz Megiddo. Threaded throughout is the amazing Holocaust survival story of "Moishe and Rivkele," closely based on the experiences of Black's own parents.

Advance reviews are good. Spertus College of Judaica Dean Byron Sherwin declares, "Edwin Black has effectively applied his well-honed skills as investigative reporter to confront the millennial and apocalyptic implications of the increasing presence of computer technology in our lives. We can only hope that *Format C:* really is a work of fiction, not a

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Anita and A. Stanley Gluck To Be Honored Tuesday, June 8

Park Avenue Synagogue is pleased to announce that it will honor Anita and Stanley Gluck at a gala dinner to be held at Park Avenue Synagogue, for the benefit of the Jewish Theological Seminary, on Tuesday evening, June 8, 1999.

Anita and Stanley Gluck have been active members of the Park Avenue Synagogue for almost 25 years. Stanley is presently an honorary trustee after having served as an officer in various capacities for many years. He was co-chair of the School Board and co-chair, with Anita, of three annual dinners on behalf of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Anita is presently a member of the Advisory Council of the Board of Trustees of the synagogue and serves on the Ritual Committee. She was chairwoman of the Journal Committee during the Synagogue's 101st and 102nd anniversaries, was one of the original members of the Women's Evening Group and was a founder of the Thursday Morning Minyan. Anita and Stanley were both privileged to be Simhat Torah honorees at the Park Avenue Synagogue.

Anita and Stanley have been involved in communal work all of their married life. They both served on the board of the Jacob H. Schiff Center where Stanley was president and then chairman of the board. They have been involved with the SAR Academy in Riverdale since their two daughters went to Akiba Hebrew Academy (the "A" in the merged SAR) and where Stanley is presently vice chairman of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees. They are supporters of a number of Hebrew day schools in the city and Stanley serves on the board of the Solomon Schechter

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117th Annual Congregational Meeting Thursday, May 13

The 117th annual meeting of the Park Avenue Synagogue congregation will take place this year on Thursday, May 13th at 7 P.M. As is the custom at our synagogue, a buffet supper, to which the entire congregation is invited, will be served at 6 P.M., before the meeting.

The Chairman of the Board, Geoffrey J. Colvin, will deliver the Annual Report and Rabbi David H. Lincoln, Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern and Rabbi Miriam C. Berkowitz will install into office the newly elected Officers of the congregation, the Board of Trustees, and the Advisory Council, as well as the officers of the various "arms" of the synagogue: Sisterhood, Men's Club, Parents' Association, Women's Evening Group and the Nursery School Parents' Association. Cantor David Lefkowitz will conduct the memorial service for those members of the congregation who passed away since last year's meeting.

A vital and vibrant Conservative congregation like the Park Avenue Synagogue needs the interest and involvement of its members in both its daily life and major events. Therefore, plan to attend this annual meeting to express your interest in and concern for *your* congregation. And, if you intend to come for supper at 6 P.M., please call the synagogue office (369-2600) to let them know you will be coming.

F R O M T H E

Rabbi's Desk

People of the Book

Ever since the Torah was written down, a collection of laws, history and the myths of our embodiment as a people, we as Jews have transmitted a reverence for the story and the written word. From oral legend or ballad to parchment scroll which only the elite could afford, to printed books and paperbacks, we have transported ourselves on magic carpets through time and space to glimpse the thoughts and customs of other communities, all the way back to Sinai. Now our repertory of Jewish learning tools includes internet sites and cd roms through which we can access the entire *Encyclopedia Judaica*, write a *dvar*

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SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES for MAY, 1999

Friday evening, April 30 .....6:15 P.M.

Gan Grade Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Dinner

Saturday morning, May 1 .....9:15 A.M.
Hashkama Service .....7:30 A.M.
Havurah Service .....9:30 A.M.
Tot Shabbat.....11:15 A.M.

Rabbi James Lebeau, director of the Fuchsberg Center for Conservative Judaism in Jerusalem, will speak.

Bat Mitzvah of Alexandra Kim Michalowicz
daughter of Laura Michalowicz

Friday evening, May 7..... 6:15 P.M.

Alef Grade Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Dinner

Saturday morning, May 8 .....9:15 A.M.
Hashkama Service .....7:30 A.M.

Rabbi Judah Nadich High School Graduation Service

Saturday evening, May 8 .....6:30 P.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Freddy Michael Wexler
son of Nina and Gary Wexler

Friday evening, May 14 .....6:15 P.M.

Nursery School Shabbat Dinner

Park Avenue Synagogue Singles Service & Oneg Shabbat.....7:30 P.M.

Saturday morning, May 15 .....9:15 A.M.
Hashkama Service .....7:30 A.M.
Havurah Service .....9:30 A.M.

EREV SHAVUOT

Tikun Leyl Shavuot

Thursday evening, May 20.....8:00 P.M.

First Day of Shavuot

Friday morning, May 21.....9:15 A.M.
Hashkama Service .....7:30 A.M.
Friday evening, May 21.....6:15 P.M.

Children's Birthday Service & Celebration

Second Day of Shavuot

Saturday morning, May 22..... 9:15 A.M.
Hashkama Service .....7:30 A.M

Bar Mitzvah of Darym Alexander Alden
son of Evelyn and Steven Alden

Yizkor Memorial Service

Saturday evening, May 22 .....6:00 P.M.

Bat Mitzvah of Jennifer Amy Balaban
daughter of Rachelle and Howard Balaban

Friday evening, May 28.....6:15 P.M.
Saturday morning, May 29.....9:15 A.M.
Hashkama Service .....7:30 A.M.

Rabbi David H. Lincoln, Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern and Rabbi Miriam C. Berkowitz will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

Baby sitting for children 2 to 5 years of age is available every Saturday morning from 9:15 A.M. to 12 Noon.

From the Rabbi's Desk

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Torah, or learn to sing Shabbat songs.

In Pirkei Avot, the Ethics of the Fathers, chapter 1 mishna 6, Yehudah ben Perachya states, "select for yourself a rabbi, acquire for yourself a friend (for study)." Later commentators felt that in the absence of a suitable study partner a book could qualify as a friend. As the 12th century Spanish poet and philosopher Moses ben Yaakov Ibn Ezra declared, "In the whole world there is no friend more faithful, no companion more bending, no teacher more instructive than a book...It will bestow upon you whatever it can, asking no favor in return. It gives all, it takes nothing."

On Shavuot we celebrate the giving of the Torah and its theological messages to the Jewish people on Mount Sinai. The Torah records, "the people saw the sound of thunder, the lightning, the voice of the shofar and the mountain smoking." (Exodus 20:16)

This encounter, recorded in the Torah, forms the basis of our covenant with G-d and our eagerness as a people to listen to the words of instruction that would follow the experience of revelation. Before Moses died, he made sure the laws of the Torah were written down so they could be referred to and passed on.

Shavuot is called "the season of the giving of the Torah" rather than the anniversary of receiving it since we are supposed to receive Torah every single day. As we celebrate the giving of our central Book, the Torah, let us delight in the companionship of the other books and resources through which we can deepen our connection with our people, our faith and our heritage.

— Rabbi Miriam C. Berkowitz

Shabbat Service May 1

Rabbi James Lebeau, director of the Fuchsberg Center for Conservative Judaism in Jerusalem,
will relate details of the ongoing problems in Israel.

TUESDAY, MAY 4TH LAG B'OMER PICNIC 5:30-7 P.M.

Central Park at 97th Street Field
(Raindate: Tuesday, May 11th)
ALL FAMILIES WELCOME!!!

May Bar and Bat Mitzvah

Darym Alexander Alden
May 22, 1999

Darym Alden has attended the Park Avenue Synagogue Congregational School since the Aleph grade.

He is currently in the seventh grade at the Horace Mann School to which he transferred three years ago from Metropolitan Montessori. He sang in the school chorus for two years, and this year he performed in the school play "Arsenic and Old Lace." In the winter term he was a member of the middle school wrestling team.

Darym has been playing the piano for the past six years. He also enjoys skiing, travel, acting and science. In 1996, Darym and his family spent the entire summer traveling west around the world. Their last stop was in Israel where they visited Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Eilat and Masada.

Jennifer Amy Balaban
May 22, 1999

Jennifer Balaban is in the seventh grade at Riverdale Country School where she has been a student since kindergarten. Before that she was a preschooler at Temple Israel Nursery School. She has been a student at the Park Avenue Synagogue Congregational School for five years.

Jennifer is a very social person, and she enjoys everything. She especially likes swimming and ice skating with her friends. She loves to talk on the phone, read teen magazines and watch TV. Her favorite music group is N'Sync and recently she had the thrill of her life attending their concert at Nassau Coliseum.

Jennifer spends her summers at Camp Danbee in the Berkshires. When she was younger, she was a camper at Sandy Hollow Day Camp in Southhampton.

Solomon Schechter High School of New York's Third Annual Benefit To Honor Rabbi Ismar Schorsch and The Honorable Ronald S. Lauder Tuesday, June 15th at Park Avenue Synagogue

Rabbi Ismar Schorsch, Chancellor of The Jewish Theological Seminary, has been among SSHS's guiding lights, helping to found the school in 1992 and providing its first home at JTS during its initial phase of development. Through his vision, inspiration and tireless efforts, SSHS has been able to reach its present stage, poised to serve the ever-growing demand for a regional day high school that welcomes students from a plurality of Jewish backgrounds. Dr. Schorsch, renowned scholar of modern European Jewish history, is a vocal proponent of Jewish education as the key to securing the future of the Jewish people through scholarship and through a literate, committed laity.

The Honorable Ronald S. Lauder, is the former United States Ambassador to Austria, President of the Jewish National Fund and Chairman-elect of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish American Organizations. He has demonstrated a magnificent commitment to Jewish education through The Ronald S. Lauder Foundation which builds and runs schools, camps and synagogues for Jewish children in 14 countries of Central and Eastern Europe, affording hundreds of children and their families an opportunity to rediscover their roots, their traditions and their heritage. He serves on numerouse boards, including that of the Jewish Theological Seminary and is Chairman of the Board of the Museum of Modern Art.

The Solomon Schechter High School is growing and bursting at the seams, and in September, 1999, is moving to a larger home of its own at 315 Central Park West at 91st Street. The school will still retain its link as the official professional development school of JTS's Davidson Graduate School of Education

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Edwin Black

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description of our present times or a prediction of our future."

Washington Jewish Week editor Al Erlick adds, "Technology run amok. Echoes of the Holocaust. Biblical mysticism. The eternal clash between good and evil. In his novel, *Format C:*, Edwin Black has fashioned a literary canvas as broad and challenging as cyberspace itself. He navigates his world with power, style and grace. Millennium, here we come!"

Black is the author of the controversial Holocaust finance investigation, *The Transfer Agreement*, and a former award-winning syndicated Jerusalem-based columnist in 50 Jewish newspapers.

A special autographing and launch party will take place at Borders Books at 57th and Park Ave. on May 19. Synagogue members will be able to obtain VIP invitations to the party and a special advance tour edition of *Format C:*. Advance copies can be obtained from the Park Ave. Borders. VIP invitations to this event will be available through a forthcoming mailing.

Boot-up and browse Black's cyberspace world at the millennium at www.featuregroup.com/formatc.

Lag B'Omer

Lag B'Omer occurs on the 33rd day after the second day of Passover, during the seven week *Sefira* ("counting") period between Passover and Shavuot. This year, it begins on Monday evening, May 3rd and continues on Tuesday, May 4th.

Special attention is paid to Lag B'Omer because, according to the Talmud (Yevamot 62b), it was on this day that a plague that had struck down many thousands of Rabbi Akiba's students abated. Because of this event, Lag B'Omer also has been called Scholar's Day.

May Lunch & Learn Study Sessions Thursdays at 12 Noon

Topic: **Israeli Literature and Poetry**
with **Rabbi Miriam C. Berkowitz**
May 6 and 13

Bring your **kosher dairy lunch**.
Coffee will be provided.

Glucks To Be Honored

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School of Manhattan. He also served as secretary-treasurer of the New York Board of Directors of the ALYN Hospital in Israel for Handicapped Children. Anita and Stanley have been members of the Chancellors' Council of the Jewish Theological Seminary for a number of years, and Anita is on the national board of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism and a patron of the Torah Fund. Stanley served for many years as an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association and both Anita and Stanley have been volunteers for and supporters of the UJA and Bonds for Israel campaigns.

Stanley, who is a CPA by profession, has been affiliated with the French and English Rothschild Families for over 50 years and was honored by them at a dinner at the Plaza Hotel last July in recognition of 50 years of service and friendship. Anita has been in the travel business for many years and is a trained and licensed braillist.

Anita and Stanley received their undergraduate degrees from NYU and CCNY (now Baruch College), respectively. Stanley obtained an MBA from NYU.

They have two daughters, Freema, an attorney, and Sheera, an optician. Freema's husband, Dr. Harris Nagler, is the chairman of the Department of Urology at Beth Israel Medical Center. Their two granddaughters, Arielle and Gabrielle, attend the high school and elementary school, respectively, at Park Avenue Synagogue, where Arielle is one of the dedicated volunteers for the Food Pantry.

Rabbi Ismar Schorsch, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary and head of the Conservative movement will be this special evening's featured speaker.

We hope you will make every effort to show your warm regard and high esteem for Anita and Stanley by attending this dinner and supporting the Jewish Theological Seminary. They are most worthy of this distinctive honor.

Jeffrey Schwarz will serve as dinner chairman, with Martin Halbfinger as gifts chairman.

A Reminder!

Please remember to notify the business office of the synagogue with any changes either in your home or business address and/or your home or business telephone number.

Aspects of Our Heritage Atop Our House

A subtle glass and metal crown atop a glimmering building, the Ramie and Gerald Silbert Playground complements the magnificent wrought iron gates and Nathan Rapoport sculptures which adorn the golden-hued Mankato Stone of the Rita and George M. Shapiro House. This new building and its sculptures were dedicated in December, 1980. The construction of the building was spearheaded by a group of congregants, headed by George M. Shapiro, who had a vision for the future of our congregation of which we are now, just twenty years later, the fortunate beneficiary. The playground, a major gift and extension to the building by the Silberts, allows our children to play safely atop our house.

The playground combines two major aspects of our religious heritage: a sukkah, named the Ritter Sukkah, and one of the primary images of the Festival of Shavuot, the image of Moses holding the tablets of the Ten Commandments, etched in glass. Both the sukkah and the glass etching were donated to the Park Avenue Synagogue from the Gerald and May Ellen Ritter Foundation of which Gerald Silbert was the president.

Gerald and Ramie Silbert have been members of our congregation since 1956. Jerry has served on the Board of Trustees, was a member of the building committee and a vice president of our congregation until after the construction of the new building. He is also an honorary vice president. He and George Shapiro were partners in the same law firm.

Now, back to the story of the Ritters which generated the idea for this article in the first place. Gerald Ritter, a Jew, was an owner of the Barbizon Company, the manufacturer of women's undergarments. He was married to May Ellen, a non-Jew. After their death in 1981, Gerald Silbert, as trustee of half of their significantly large estate, designed a window for their mausoleum at the Woodlawn Cemetery. The mausoleum had two windows, the Jewish part, a much larger etching of Moses with the Ten Commandments, and the non-Jewish part, representing the Christian religion, to convey the message that both religions have to learn to co-exist together. The glass window etching atop our roof was the model for one of the windows on the mausoleum.

In addition, proceeds from the Ritter Foundation were dispersed within 12 years to

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The Rabbi Judah Nadich High School Graduation Service

The graduation service for students in the Rabbi Judah Nadich High School will take place in the Main Sanctuary at 9:15 A.M. on Saturday morning, May 8. The graduates will participate in the Shabbat service by reading from the Torah and sharing with the congregation their thoughts and feelings about their experiences in the high school. A buffet lunch in honor of the graduates, compliments of the Park Avenue Synagogue, will follow the service. The graduates are:

Peter Bernstein
Andrew Braid
Elizabeth Denburg
Daniella Hirschfeld
Edward Jacobs
Rebecca Podolsky
Rebecca Rindler

May Events in the Rabbi Judah Nadich High School

The following three events will take place in the high school during the month of May:

• Friday and Saturday, May 14 and 15, the high school students will go on a spring retreat where they will spend Shabbat together, sharing Shabbat services, discussions, sports and games.

• Sunday, May 23, the students will prepare and deliver sandwiches to the homeless.

• Wednesday, May 26, the students will hold their traditional end-of-year Cook-Out which will take place at 4:30 P.M. on the roof.

May Events in the Congregational School

The following three events will take place in the elementary school during the month of May:

• Saturday, May 1, the Vav grade will have its third Parent/Student "Together" Program from 8:45 to 11 A.M.

• Saturday, May 1, the School Family Service will take place from 9:50 to 11 A.M. Regular classes will be held both before and after the service.

• Friday, May 7, the Alef grade will participate in the Friday night service at 6:15 P.M. A festive Shabbat dinner for the students and their families will follow the service.

United Synagogue To Sponsor Lunch & Learn

The Metropolitan New York Region of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, at 155 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10010, will sponsor a series of lectures entitled, "Four Jewels in the Crown: Great Thinkers in Conservative Judaism," on the following dates this month:

• Tuesday, May 4 - Rabbi Benjamin Kreitman on Rabbi Solomon Schechter

• Tuesday, May 11 - Rabbi Ezra Finkelstein on his father, Rabbi Louis Finkelstein

• Tuesday, May 18 - Rabbi Samuel Dressner on Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

• Tuesday, May 25 - Rabbi Neil Gillman on Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan.

You may bring your own **dairy or pareve lunch**. Dessert and coffee will be served. Lunch will be at 12:30 P.M. and the lectures will begin at 1 P.M. The program is free.

Tikun Leyl Shavuot Thursday, May 20

It is a Jewish tradition to spend the first night of Shavuot studying Torah, because it is on Shavuot that we celebrate the giving of the Torah to Moses and the Jewish people. This tradition is called *Tikun Leyl Shavuot.*

At 8 P.M. on Thursday, May 20th, Cantors David Lefkowitz and Nancy Abramson, together with the Synagogue Choir, will conduct a special Festival service. This service will be followed by a study session with Rabbi Miriam Berkowitz.

Cheesecake and coffee, in honor of the tradition of eating dairy foods on Shavuot, will be served after the study session.

About Shavuot

Shavuot, the Festival of Weeks or Pentecost, is celebrated exactly seven weeks after Passover. It is observed for one day in Israel and for two days for those of us who live in the diaspora.

Originally, Shavuot was solely an agricultural festival, a time of ceremony and rejoicing when the first fruits were brought to Jerusalem. But, in time, it became associated historically with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.

During the services on this Festival, we read the Ten Commandments and the general theme is the Jewish love of learning. Also, the Book of Ruth is read at this time because it shows the great devotion of Ruth to her adopted faith and people.

Among the customs associated with this Festival are decorating the synagogue with flowers, all night study (*Tikun Leyl Shavuot*), and the eating of dairy foods which is symbolic of the concept of Israel as the land of milk and honey.

Notes From the Edmond de Rothschild Library

New Books:

Boteach: *Kosher Sex*
Frankel: *Max Frankel-The Times of My Life and My Life with The Times*
Katcher: *The Jew of New York*
Kissinger: *Years of Renewal*
Stephanopoulos: *All Too Human-A Political Education*

The library will be closed on May 20th, Erev Shavuot, as well as on May 30th and 31st.

It will be open on June 2nd, 3rd and 8th on an abbreviated schedule, i.e., from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Although the library will close for the summer after June 8th, summer book loans will be available. The library will reopen on September 13, 1999.

— Susan Vogelstein, Librarian

Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center Applications

Member families who would like to apply to the Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center for the 2000-01 school year are asked to call the school and request an application form between May 1 and June 30, 1999. (After that date the school will be closed until mid-August.)

All children who were born before April 1, 1998 are eligible for school in September, 2000. The Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center adheres strictly to its cut-off dates. Families who have been longtime members of the synagogue are given special consideration. However, this does not always guarantee acceptance because of the need to balance groups in a variety of ways.

There is an application fee of $40 per child. The application process includes a visit and tour of the school by one or both parents and a separate visit with the child.

For the September, 1999 school year there were approximately 50 openings. It will be very helpful to have some idea prior to September as to how many eligible member families are interested in a place for the 2000-01 school term. This will enable us to determine how many applications from new members or non-members we will be able to accept. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Women's Evening Group Presents: "Reprogramming for Your Health"-

How to Spring Clean Your Mind and Body

At 7:30 P.M. on Monday, May 24, motivational speaker Rochelle Moss and nutritionist J. Gabrielle Rabner will team up to inspire and teach you how to redirect your obsessive, destructive behavior patterns into positive healthy ones. They will explain how to face emotional issues head-on and deal with change and loss as new beginnings by being honest with yourselves and viewing self-entitlement as your right.

Moreover, they will discuss strategies to: slow the aging process, optimize your body's defenses with food and vitamin supplements and increase your energy level.

Rochelle Moss, of Motivational Enterprises, is a motivational speaker, seminar leader and consultant with executive/public relations experience. She has served as New York regional director of the Armand Hammer Stop Cancer Crusade; executive director of the American Friends of Migdal Ohr; and national director of the ALS Foundation.

J. Gabrielle Rabner, MS RD, is a registered dietitian and a nutritional consultant with significant clinical experience at both New York Hospital and Mount Sinai Hospital. She has written and lectured extensively, has appeared on Fox TV, ABC TV's 20/20 and Gary Null's radio show.

They guarantee immediate rewards!! So don't miss this program event!!

Refreshments will be served along with time for socializing and discussing what they will have told you.

Third Annual Benefit

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and the Melton Research Center for Jewish Education.

The co-chairs of the evening are Itzhak Fisher, Evelyn Henkind, E. Billi Ivry, Carol S. Kekst and Pearl Resnick.

We look forward to greeting you at 6:30 P.M. on June 15th when we can celebrate more of the exciting story that is SSHS. For further information, please call (212) 678-8048.

Aspects of Our Heritage

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both Jewish and non-Jewish causes: the Park Avenue Synagogue; the Jewish Theological Seminary; for the Geriatric Department at the Mount Sinai Hospital; New York University Medical Center, of which Gerald Silbert is a trustee; Columbia University; Columbia University Law School, of which he is a graduate; the Technion in Israel, for scientific purposes, and to its medical school; the New York City Ballet and Opera.

Finally, the Ramie and Gerald Silbert Playground, the glass etching, the children, the bicycles and the Park Avenue Synagogue Summer Day Camp's pool, etc. can be viewed from the Silberts' apartment windows diagonally across the street from the synagogue. Some time around Shavuot, plan to ascend to the roof, like Moses did at Mount Sinai, to look at the playground and the glass etching of Moses and the Ten Commandments. Perhaps you will appreciate it more now that you know the whole story. — **Ann Eisenberg**

(Based on her interview with Jerry Silbert)

Park Avenue Synagogue Bikur Cholim Project Activity Report

Since its inception in November, 1998, the Bikur Cholim group has initiated telephone contact, written notes and made visits to almost 50 congregants, maintaining ongoing relationships with over 30. This has been accomplished by a group of trained volunteers.

Gift packages were prepared and delivered to mark Shabbat (in February), Purim (in March) and Passover (at the end of March). These packages were well received. Additional efforts and activities are being planned to remember ill and homebound congregants. The group is very eager to be a vital part of the synagogue community. Contact them with referrals by calling Rabbi Lincoln's office at ext. 149.

TIKKUN OLAM Annual Children's Clothing Drive

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Sisterhood's Annual Spring Festival Tuesday, May 18

Sisterhood's annual Spring Festival, which will take place at 1 P.M. on Tuesday, May 18, will again feature the internationally renowned singer Phyllis Lynd.

Miss Lynd began her musical training at the age of 13 when she was awarded a Philharmonic scholarship. Three years later she won a television talent show contest which led to her starring in her own show on a major New York FM station.

After graduating from Brooklyn College with a major in French, she went on to The Manhattan College of Music to earn a master's degree in music. This was followed by concerts and club engagements both here and abroad, with a repertoire consisting mainly of operatic and musical comedy selections.

Her facility with languages and her interest in other cultures led her to folklore and folk songs. Her classical approach to these songs has made her renditions unique. She will play the guitar and be accompanied by a pianist.

Sisterhood will have its usual delicious desserts and beverages to mark this last open meeting of the 1998-1999 season.

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Application forms may be obtained by calling Melinda Tiger, director, (212) 360-0153

Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and to their families. To:

Mrs. Mary Barnett, upon the death of her husband, Ralph Barnett.

Drs. Manfred and Matilda Brust, upon the death of their son, Daniel Brust.

Mrs. Evelyn Gelman, upon the death of her husband, Milton Gelman.

Ms. Yehudit Moch, PAS Family Educator, upon the death of her father, Edward Moch.

Contributions

Synagogue Offerings (Before April 1999)

Mrs. Jean Wilson, in memory of her father, Samuel Miller.
Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Wimpfheimer
Mrs. Vicki Wimpfheimer, in memory of her mother, Josephine Kops.
Ms. Irene Winkelman, in memory of her mother, Gussie G. Winkelman.
Mrs. Miriam Yadgaroff, in memory of her father, Eliezer Ben Meyer.
Mrs. Judi Yellen, in honor of her birthday.
Mrs. Ellen Yuder, in memory of her mother, Edna Davidman.
Mrs. Ellen Yuder, in memory of her father, Larry Davidman.
Mrs. Cooki Yunis, in honor of her birthday.
Dr. Abraham Yurkofsky, in memory of his father, Max Yurkofsky.
Mrs. Laure Zacharias, in memory of her father, Arthur Zivy.
Ronald & Lois Ziegler, in memory of Max Tompkins, father of Judge Harold Tompkins.
Mrs. Phyllis Zilkha, in memory of her father, Barney Siegel.
Mrs. Annette Zimmerman, in honor of her birthday.

Synagogue Offerings (After April 1999)

Mr. Robert Adler, in mnemory of his mother, Vivian Adler.
Mrs. Helene Agress, in memory of her husband, Samuel Agress.
Mr. Harris Amster, in memory of his mother, Anna Amster.
Mr. Arthur Ascher, in memory of his mother, Rose Ascher.
Mrs. Renee Ascher, in honor of her birthday.
Mr. Morton Baum, in memory of his father, Isidor Baum.
Mr. Morton Baum, in honor of his birthday.
Mrs. Anita Bayer, in memory of her husband, Elias Bayer.
Mr. Roger E. Bendelac, in memory of his father, David Bendelac.
Mr. David Berman, in honor of his birthday.
Mrs. Marilyn Berman, in memory of her father, Jerome Solomon.
Mrs. Marilyn Berman, in memory of her mother, Florence Solomon.
Mrs. Ernestine Bernstein, in memory of her father, Alexander Wolf.
Mrs. Florence Bernstein, in memory of her mother, Pearl Michaelson.
Mr. Morris E. Biederman, in honor of his birthday.
Mr. & Mrs. Morris E. Biederman, in memory of Pauline Stopnick.
Deborah Blumenthal, in honor of Leslie Rubin's Bat Mitzvah.
Mr. & Mrs. Lippman Bodoff, in honor of their anniversary.
Ms. Nancy Bronstein, in memory of her father, Herbert Katz.
Mr. Wolfe R. Charney, in memory of his father, Rabbi Aaron Reuben Charney.
Mr. Wallace Chavkin, in memory of his father, Nathan Louis Chavkin.
Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Chavkin, in memory of Basha bat Mincha Bela Baruch, mother of Phillip Greenblatt.
Mr. Wallace Chavkin, in honor of his birthday.
Chavkin Family, in memory of Caroline Green.
Mr. & Mrs. Edward B. Cohen, in honor of Rabbi David H. Lincoln on the occasion of Reuben Cohen's Bar Mitzvah.
Mr. Robert G. Cohen, in memory of his father, Philip Cohen.
Dr. Ethel R. Cutler, in honor of her birthday.
Mr. Robert de Rothschild
Ms. Beverly Diamond, in memory of her mother, Pearl Diamond.
Mrs. Dorothy Edelman, in memory of her father, Julius Gulkis.
Mrs. Irene Eisenberg, in honor of her birthday.
Mrs. Irene Eisenberg, in honor of her son's recovery.
Mr. Victor Fataya, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Reuben Cohen.
Mrs. Gertrude Fehl, in honor of her birthday.
Mr. Emanuel M. Feinstone, in honor of his birthday.
Mrs. Estella Feldman, in honor of her birthday.
Abe & Golda Foxman, in honor of Carol & Gershon Kekst.
Mrs. Leslie Friedman, in memory of her father, Jacob Shufro.
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Mrs. Eleanor Frommer, in memory of her mother, Harriet Goldman Hakmaier.
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Mrs. Carol Hyman, in memory of her mother, Ann Davis.
Mrs. Sylvia R. Jacobs, in memory of her husband, Jerome Jacobs.
Mrs. Beverly Jacoby, in memory of her father, Ben Schreiber.
Mr. Donald Kirsch, in memory of his mother, Eva Kirsch.
Mrs. Beatrice Koren, in memory of her husband, Lester Koren.
Dr. David Korris, in memory of his sister, Pearl Ko[illegible] Miller.
Ms. Lenore Kreitman, in memory of her mother, Mildred Kreitman.
Dr. Julie Krewer, in memory of her father, Semyon E. Krewer.
Ms. Elizabeth Landis, in memory of her mother, Miriam Karrol.
Mr. Joseph Leff, in memory of his father, Phillip Leff.
Mrs. Joan Lefkowitz, in memory of her father, Irving J. Mintzer.
Mr. Bernard A. Leventhal, in memory of his mother, Mynne Leventhal.
Mr. & Mrs. Burton L. London, in honor of their anniversary.
Mr. Joseph Lonner, in honor of his birthday.
Mr. Steve Meisels, in memory of his father, Leo Meisels.
Mr. David S. Mitchell, in memory of his father, Albert H. Mitchell.
Dr. Richard Muchnick, in memory of his mother, Rachel Muchnick.
Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Murad, in memory of their son, Frederick Murad.
Dr. & Mrs. Jack Oberman, in memory of his father's Yahrzeit.
Mr. Morris A. Orden, in memory of his aunt, Anne Ordansky.
Mrs. Sally Pearce, in memory of her mother-in-law, Mary Pearce.

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Park Avenue Synagogue Member Rabbi Judd Kruger Levingston is named Principal of The Solomon Schechter High School of New York

Presently the principal of The Ivry Prozdor Program, The Jewish Theological Seminary's honors-track high school program, Rabbi Levingston has been appointed to lead the Schechter high school students into their new home at 315 Central Park West and 91st Street in September, 1999.

A graduate of Harvard University and ordained at JTS in 1993, Rabbi Levingston is well known at Park Avenue Synagogue where he led the "One More Minyan" High Holiday services for college students in 1989, 1991 and 1993.

Judd is not the only PAS member to be involved with the Schechter High School of New York. Meryl E. Wiener is chairman of the Board of Trustees and Nadine Habousha, Carol S. Kekst, Barrie Modlin and Malcolm Thomson are Board members. Rabbi Lincoln is on the SSHS Rabbinical and Community Advisory Board.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS for MAY 1999

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
REMEMBER THE DAILY MINYANIM Monday - Friday at 7:15 A.M. Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9 A.M. Sunday - Thursday at 5:45 P.M Saturday at 6 P.M.			**THE EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD LIBRARY** **Schedule of Hours:** Mon., Tues., Thurs. 3 to 6:30 P.M. Weds. 3:30 to 6:30 P.M. Sun. 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.			**1** 7:30 A.M. Hashkama Service 9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service 9:30 A.M. Havurah Service 11:15 A.M. Tot Shabbat Rabbi James Lebeau will speak Bat Mitzvah of Alexandra Kim Michalowicz 5:30 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study
2	**3** 7:30 P.M. WEG Board Meeting 8 P.M. Sherr Institute Course: Prophets: Amos & Hosea with Rabbi Brodie	**4** **Lag B'Omer** 8 A.M. Talmud in the Responsa with Rabbi Lincoln 11 A.M. "More Talmud on Tuesday Morning" with Rabbi Stern 1 P.M. Retirees Group 5:30-7 P.M. Lag B'Omer Picnic	**5** 7:30 P.M. Beginners' Hebrew with Vivian Finkel	**6** **Hebrew School for Parents** 9:30 A.M. Beginners 10:45 A.M. Intermediate 12 Noon Lunch & Learn Session with Rabbi Berkowitz	**7** 6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service Alef Grade Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Dinner Light Candles 7:38 P.M.	**8** 7:30 A.M. Hashkama Service 9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service High School Graduation 6:30 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study Bar Mitzvah of Freddy Michael Wexler
9	**10**	**11** 8 A.M. Talmud in the Responsa with Rabbi Lincoln 12 Noon Sisterhood Board Meeting 1 P.M. Retirees Group 8 P.M. Men's Club Board Meeting	**12** 7:30 P.M. Beginners' Hebrew with Vivian Finkel 8 P.M. School Board Meeting	**13** **Hebrew School for Parents** 9:30 A.M. Beginners 10:45 A.M. Intermediate 12 Noon Lunch & Learn Session with Rabbi Berkowitz 7 P.M. 117th Annual Congregational Meeting	**14** 6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service Nursery School Shabbat Dinner 7:30 P.M. PAS Singles Service & Oneg Shabbat Light Candles 7:45 P.M.	**15** 7:30 A.M. Hashkama Service 9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service 9:30 A.M. Havurah Service 6 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study
16	**17**	**18** 8 A.M. Talmud in the Responsa with Rabbi Lincoln 1 P.M. Sisterhood's Annual Spring Festival Retirees Group 7:30 P.M. Edwin Black Program PAS Support Group 7:45 P.M. "Fix Time For Torah Study" with Rabbi Berkowitz	**19** 7:30 P.M. Beginners' Hebrew with Vivian Finkel	**20** **Hebrew School for Parents** 9:30 A.M. Beginners 10:45 A.M. Intermediate Erev Shavuot 8 P.M. Tikun Leyl Shavuot Light Candles 7:51 P.M.	**21** **First Day of Shavuot** 7:30 A.M. Hashkama Service 9:15 A.M. Service 6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service Children's Birthday Service & Celebration Light Candles 7:52 P.M.	**22** **Second Day of Shavuot** 7:30 A.M. Hashkama Service 9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Darym Alexander Alden 6 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study Bat Mitzvah of Jennifer Amy Balaban
23	**24** 7:30 P.M. WEG Open Program & Meeting	**25** 8 A.M. Talmud in the Responsa with Rabbi Lincoln 11 A.M. "More Talmud on Tuesday Morning" with Rabbi Stern 1 P.M. Retirees Group	**26** 7:30 P.M. Beginners' Hebrew with Vivian Finkel	**27** **Hebrew School for Parents** 9:30 A.M. Beginners 10:45 A.M. Intermediate	**28** 6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service Light Candles 7:58 P.M.	**29** 7:30 A.M. Hashkama Service 9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service 6 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study
30	**31** **Memorial Day**					

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Mr. Herbert Peress, in memory of his father, Henry M. Peress.
Dr. Paul H. Pevsner, in memory of his father, Leo Pevsner.
Mrs. Sheila Pruzansky, in memory of her father, Jakob Erlich.

(Names not listed here will appear in the next issue.)

Bikur Cholim Fund

Mrs. Ann Eisenberg, in memory of her mother, Mary Wasserstein.
Mrs. Lite Sabin, in memory of Danielle Rubinstein.

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Mrs. Irene Eisenberg, in honor of her son's recovery.

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Clara Hammel Memorial Library Fund

Dr. Leslie [illegible] bry of his wife, Clara Hamme[illegible]
Dr. Leslie [illegible] mory of his mother, Malvin Ha[illegible]

High School

Karen & Richard Bass, in honor of Marvin Greenberg's special birthday.

High School Food Pantry

Mrs. Barbara Delgado, in memory of her father, Morris Brownstein.
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Mrs. Irene Eisenberg, in honor of her son's recovery.
Anita & Stanley Gluck, in honor of their granddaughter, Arielle Rachel Nagler, student volunteer for the Food Pantry.
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Anita & Stanley Gluck, in memory of his brother, Joseph Gluck.
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Ms. Eleanor Lehman, for Purim.
Mrs. Ann Leichtling, praying for the recovery of Joe Fuhrman.
Parents Association, in honor of Molly Alissa Glenn's Bat Mitzvah.
Mrs. Barbara Robbins, in memory of her father, David Grad.
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Nancy Stein and Ed McDermott, in honor of Julie Diller and Leon Demb.
Mr. Ernest Stern, in memory of his mother, Henny Stern.
Ms. Jacqueline Wahl, in honor of Purim.
Mrs. Vicki Wimpfheimer, in honor of Daniela Finkel, her great grandchild.

Prayer Book Fund

Irene & Sam Dressner, in memory of Floren[illegible] Fletcher.
Mrs. Marcia Geier, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of her daughter, Dana Kirshenbaum.
Mrs. Rochelle L. Moss, in honor of her new granddaughter, Stella Moss Slavin, daughter of Bari Moss and David Slavin.
Mrs. Rochelle L. Moss, in honor of her new granddaughter, Zoe Nell Clark, daughter of Amy and Bill Clark.
Mrs. Sandra Rosen, in memory of her mother, Golda Freda Ratzkin.
Mrs. Sandra Rosen, in memory of her father, Morris Ratzkin.
Judge Harold & Frances Tompkins, in memory of Dorothy Weinstein, mother of Sandra Warshawsky.

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Mrs. Babette Balis, in memory of her father, Walter M. Hoexter.
Elaine, Eric and Elliot Balis, in memory of their [illegible]alter.

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[illegible]rad, in memory of her father, Alexander [illegible]olf.
Mrs. Estelle Roth, in memory of her father, Morris Krasna.

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